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1. Repeated rumor current in high East German ministerial circles has it that the present Minister of Heavy Machine Construction, Gerhard Ziller, will soon be transferred to the SED Central Committee and that Deputy Minister President Heinrich Rau will take charge of the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction in its present form. Ernst Wolff is allegedly to be appointed State Secretary in the Ministry.
2. The Main Administrations for Ship Construction and Vehicle Construction are allegedly to be placed under the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction, while the Main Administration for Agricultural Machine Construction is to be administered by the Ministry for General Machine Construction, which will continue to be headed by Helmut Winderlich. The Ministry of Transportation and Agricultural Machine Construction, which formerly administered the Main Administration for Agricultural Machine Construction, is to be dissolved.

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Comment. It should be emphasized that the information given above represents only rumor current in well-informed East German Government circles and is in no way officially confirmed.

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